

Feather Falls Post-Fire Activities Project Site Visit

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Based on interest we are conducting a site visit to the Feather Falls Post-Fire Project area. Because of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and an active Forest closure order for the project area (Feather Falls burned under severe intensity during the North Complex) all participants will need to comply with safety precautions to ensure everyone's health and safety during the visit.

We will not be coordinating car-pooling (although persons who are fully vaccinated and traveling from the same place can share a ride). Much of the visit will be conducted outdoors. Please be ready to wear a face mask if at times during the visit we cannot maintain a minimum 6-foot distance between each other.

Because of the dangers within the post-fire area we will need to dress appropriately. Wear trousers, long-sleeved shirt, sturdy boots, and a hard hat. Let us know if you do not have a hard hat. Gloves are good idea although you don't have to wear them all the time. Mornings can be cool and later in the day it will warm up substantially. Layers and a small day pack is a good idea. Bring lots of water, food, sunscreen and hand sanitizer are both good common-sense items.

Due to the Forest closure order we will need to stay as a group. If you leave early, make sure you inform me (Clay) personally so I am not attempting to account for you later when I notice you are no longer with us.

The North Complex burned over Feather Falls Scenic Area including all 7.3 miles of the Feather Falls National Recreation Trail, 3 bridges, the scenic overlook, and all the recreation facilities located at the trailhead and campground. The Rapid Assessment of Vegetation Condition After Wildfire (RAVG) data augmented by site visits approximates 90 – 100 percent tree mortality across Feather Falls recreation infrastructure. Large numbers of fire killed, and fire injured trees are now hazards to people and facilities as well as constituting hazardous fuels.

The Feather Falls Post-Fire Project is a post-fire restoration project that includes repair or replacement of recreation facilities, hazard tree abatement, salvage, site preparation, reforestation, and tree release on 722 acres. Possible other activities are road maintenance, improvement of water control structures, and treating invasive plant species. Of the 722-acre project area, 307 acres coincide with the Bald Rock Inventoried Roadless Area (IRA).

If you want to attend please RSVP to Clay Davis at clay.davis@usda.gov.